

PARKS & RECREATION

Leon County Parks & Recreation develops and maintains the pristine parks in unincorporated Leon County. The division also manages the County's five community centers and provides quality facilities for youth athletic programs, such as Little League baseball, TOPS of Florida Soccer and Big Bend Pop Warner football.

Division Director Pat Plocek has more than 40 years' experience in design, acquisition, construction and management of park systems. He has been recognized for the design of the first playground that had handicapped accessibility and has been recognized by the Governor of the State of Maryland and several city and county governments for outstanding work in the field.

In the past five years with the County, he has developed a new cross country track, received grant funding for several development projects, served as a board member for the National Association of Counties Park & Recreational Officials and worked with volunteers to expand the youth sports in the County.



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MAINTAINING LEON COUNTY'S PRISTINE PARKS & GREENWAYS

- Opened the new Lake Henrietta Park and connection trail/bridge to the City trail system in Silver Lake Park. The park is located on Springhill Road and contains a 1.2-mile paved loop trail around a beautiful lake.
- Completed the acquisition of the new Fred George Greenways located at the intersection of Fred George Road and Capital Circle. The Greenway contains 158 acres.
- Constructed two new football/soccer practice fields at the Apalachee Regional Park.
- Constructed a new restroom/concession center at Apalachee Regional Park, replacing the portable toilets.
- Installed overhead projector, screens, and computer hookups at Miccosukee and Dorothy Spence Community Centers. This will provide users the capability to utilize PowerPoint or movie projection at these locations.
- Renovated the restroom at Sunset Landing which had been closed more than five years due to vandalism. With water levels in Lake Jackson returning, this building was a high priority for restoration.
- Installed new entrance signs at six County parks and repaved the entrance road, trail and parking lots at J. Lee Vause Park.
- Worked with Pop Warner to open a new league in the Killearn area of the County.
- Completed the dock replacement at Blount Landing.



DID YOU KNOW

Parks and Recreation received a federal grant to renovate two miles of trail system at the Miccosukee Canopy Road Greenways.

